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Dr. H. J. Conn,
Biological Stain Commission,
Geneva, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Conn:

For some time we have been using various lots of EOSIN Y produced by National Aniline very successfully in the production of EMB agar. I wish to report, however, that NE-23 has proven to be very unsuitable, as it gives a medium with an objectionable metallic sheen, which is moreover highly inhibitory to E. coli. I wonder if you can tell me whether the Commission has considered examining Eosin Y for this purpose, which must account for a large part of its biological consumption.

Yours sincerely,

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